the number of them who became blind and died due to this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The other causes which lead to blindness are cataract, infections of the eye, nutritional deficiency trauma, glaucoma, retinal diseases due to systemic disorders and optic nerve diseases.

(c) to (f) No, Sir, After review of the National Health Programmes identified for the purpose of price control for D.P.C.O. 1987, diabetes was not covered in the final list. Insulin and Glybenclamide are covtred under category II of the Drugs Price Control Order 1987.

(g) On the basis of a survey undertaken by the Indian Council of Medical Research, it has been estimated that there are 6 to 8 million cases of diabetes in India. Of these, about 2-5% may develop visual impairment and blindness due to diabetes. The number of persons who died due to this disease is not available with the Government.

International Airport at Ahmedabad with modern facilities

1913. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAL MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attentino has been drawn to the newsitems which appeared in the The Congress Weekly dated the 11th June, 1988 to the effect that Ahmedabad in Gujarat would be the fifth International Airport;

(b) whether the then Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism had been reported to have stated that necessary action was being taken to make Ahmedabad Airport the Fifth International Airport;

(c) if so, whether Government have decided to have a fifth international airport at Ahmedabad, with all modern amenities and technical facilities for serving all types of aircraft;

(d) whether a team of experts from the Ministry has conducted a preliminary exercise and whether a report has been submitted; and

(e) whether new airports are proposed to be constructed and the present ones renovated in the current plan; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Neither in his interview nor in the press report which had appeared in The Congress Weekly of 11-6-1988, the then Minister of Civil Aviation & Tourism, has been reported to have stated so.

(c) Does not airse.

(d) No team of experts from the Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism has conducted any such exercise.

(e) Construction of new airports subject to availability of funds and upgradation of facilities at existing aerodromes in a phased manner are planned.

Rail Accidents

1914. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the statutory inquiry held regarding 102 Dn Amritsar Tata-Nagar Express and